

**REMARKS**

Applicants would initially like to thank the Examiner for the indication in the Advisory Action of the withdrawal of the rejection to claim 21.

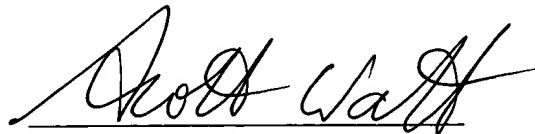
The Advisory Action maintains the rejections of claims 9 and 19 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants disagree with the nature of the rejection for the reasons of record. Nonetheless, to facilitate prosecution, claims 9 and 19 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections thereof moot. Applicants intend to pursue the scope of the rejected subject matter via continuation application and appeal.

In view of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would be of value, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 12492.0027).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Watkins", written over a horizontal line.

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